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1. A method for playing stored information, comprising the steps of:
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3 retrieving information comprising one or more segments, wherein each of said
4 segments has a beginning and an end, and wherein at least one segment is
5 associated with one or more links to one or more second segments;
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7 playing said at least one segment;
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9 determining prior to reaching the end if expansion is desired; and
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11 expanding the link to one or more second segments and playing the one or
12 more segments.

1 2. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 1, including the
2 step of returning play to the original segment after expanding the link to one or
3 more segments and playing the one or more segments.

1 3. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 2, wherein the
2 information in the one or more segments includes information from a
3 multimedia source.

1 4. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 3, wherein the
2 information in the one or more segments includes information from a network
3 with support for an internet protocol.

1 5. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 1, including the
2 step of responding to a user indicia to expand a link to another segment and
3 playing the segment.

1 6. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 1, including the
2 step of responding to a user indicia to contract a link to another segment.

1 7. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 1, including the
2 step of responding to a user indicia to dynamically link to a particular segment
3 and play the segment.

1 8. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 1, including the
2 step of responding to a user indicia to expand a link to another segment and
3 playing the segment, the segment providing additional information pertaining
4 to the current segment.

1 9. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 1, including the
2 step of providing live information.

17 10. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for playing
2 stored information, comprising:
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4 code that retrieves information comprising one or more segments, wherein
5 each of the segments has a beginning and an end, and wherein at least one
6 segment is associated with one or more links to one or more second segments;
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8 code that plays the at least one segment;
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10 code that determines if expansion is desired prior to reaching the end of the at
11 least one segment; and
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13 code that expands the link to one or more second segments and plays the one
14 or more segments.

1 11. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 10,
2 including code that returns play to the original segment after expanding the
3 link to one or more segments and playing the one or more segments.

1 12. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 11,
2 wherein the information in the one or more segments includes information
3 from a multimedia source.

1 13. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 12,
2 wherein the information in the one or more segments includes information
3 from a network with support for an internet protocol.

1 14. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 13,
2 wherein the information in the one or more segments includes information
3 from a broadband network.

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1 15. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 10,
2 including code that responds to a user indicia to expand a link to another
3 segment and play the segment.

1 16. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 10,
2 including code that responds to a user indicia to contract a link to another
3 segment.

1 17. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 10,
2 including code that responds to a user indicia to dynamically link to a
3 particular segment and play the segment.

1 18. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 10,
2 including code that responds to a user indicia to expand a link to another
3 segment and play the segment, the segment providing additional information
4 pertaining to the current segment.

1 19. The computer program for playing stored information as recited in claim 10,
2 including code that provides live information.

3 20. A method for playing stored information as recited in claim 3, wherein the
2 information in the one or more segments includes information from a
3 broadband network.